New Denver chooses helipad over housing

by Jan McMurray

New Denver has saved its helipad and lost its housing project.

On June 8, council rescinded the motion to re-zone the IHA property near the health centre, which would have paved the way for a housing project for seniors and disabled people to be built on the helipad.

“It was clear that that’s what our public wanted,” said Mayor Gary Wright in an interview. “I feel that council performed its role in good faith. We proceeded on the basis of our community concept plan and tried to bring that [housing] program to the Village, thinking it would result in housing with no loss of any other services or infrastructure. When it became clear that that wasn’t the case, we went to the public, made our case, heard their input and made the decision that they clearly wanted us to make. That’s our job.”

After extremely well attended and emotionally charged public meetings on this issue on April 21, June 1 and June 7, there was not a shadow of a doubt – the people of New Denver and area were not willing to give up their helipad for this project. However, they were in favour of finding another location for the housing.

Wright said he was talking to BC Housing until 5 pm on June 8, the day of the council meeting where the rezoning was denied, to see if there was a way to accommodate the housing project on another site in New Denver. “They said there was not time to look at another location. That program was an economic stimulus program that came out with the downturn in the economy…. to result in quick, immediate economic input in the area. So if it couldn’t work quickly, it didn’t meet the objectives of the program. One of reasons we got it was because we did have a plan,” he explained.

When asked if the Village would pursue a housing project despite losing this one, Wright replied, “We’ll pursue everything. We’re still going through a major review of the OCP, triggered by the need to include a carbon neutral strategy on what plan. As part of that discussion, we fully intend again to involve the community in long-term planning to identify an appropriate location or locations for social housing, seniors housing, assisted living and supported living.”

Recurring themes in the public comments at the meetings were a deep distrust of IHA, the lack of adequate ambulance service, and a greater need for assisted living than for independent living units.

Distrust of the IHA was shown by comments at the June 7 public hearing such as, “I don’t trust IHA and I don’t think anyone in this room does”; “They are making us make a decision with a gun to our head”; “You are making a pact with the devil”; “I believe IHA has an ulterior motive for that property”; and “I am not in favour of entering into a relationship with IHA for any reason whatsoever.”

Wright pointed out in the interview that the people’s distrust of IHA goes so deep that they did not believe the CEO of IHA when he stated in writing to the Village that the loss of the helipad would have no impact on the future of New Denver’s 24/7 emergency service.

Several people at the hearing made the point that inadequate ambulance service in the area undermines the need for medivac capability. Joe Matthews, New Denver’s longest standing attendant currently on the ambulance crew, informed the meeting that he is one of four crew members. Two are drivers only, and “we may lose one of our only attendants. That leaves me as your only attendant right now, so if I’m not in service, you don’t have the service. I can’t keep it going 24 hours a day.”

When he apologized for an “unreliable” service, Mayor Wright told him that no one thinks he is unreliable, and everyone stood up and applauded him.

Another point made by residents at the public hearing was the need for assisted living units, not independent living units, as documented in the community concept plan for the health centre. Brenda Dahlie, who did the age friendly report, said that assisted living was identified as the predominant housing need for seniors.

A few people stated they felt the health centre property was not a good location for independent living units because it is a long walk from there to downtown shops and services.

Craig Pettitt told the crowd, “We have probably the best heliport in this region.” He said he had spent hundreds of hours in helicopters, and this heliport, which has been there for 35-40 years, is easy to land in. He said he landed there in a snowstorm in the black of night once. “It is paid for. No amount of money will replace the facility we already have…” Mayor Wright presented economic and social arguments for the housing at the June 1 public meeting. He pointed out that the project would create eight homes that would be occupied year round. They would add almost $1 million of capital improvement to the community. A new helipad would cost $50,000-$100,000, he said, so it makes more sense for the residents to capitalize a new helipad than housing.

Wright also said the 2003 community concept plan for the health campus endorsed assisted living and supported living housing on the site, and that this type of housing could tie into the existing medical, nursing and food services at the health centre, thereby continuing to justify the need for those services. He said that although this housing was not supportive or assisted, it was a step along the way. “If it had been assisted living housing, it may have been a tougher call for people,” he said. At the public hearing, there were 34 speakers and 28 written submissions, all against the re-zoning of the IHA property. Every single person in the hall raised their hand when one speaker asked for a show of hands from people against the proposal. Petitions against the re-zoning were submitted with signatures of 255 New Denver residents, 111 Silverton residents and 195 Area H residents. Letters against the proposal were received from the Village of Silverton and Area H Director Walter Popoff.
Historic Silver Ledge Hotel in Ainsworth destroyed by arson

by Art Joyce

It was a black day in history. The 114-year-old Silver Ledge Hotel was burned to the ground on Thursday, June 3. Police arrested Randolph Hanoski near the scene. By the time Kaslo Fire Chief Larry Badry arrived at the scene about 7:05 am, it was already too late. Fortunately no other buildings were affected by the blaze.

Kaslo RCMP, attending the fire quickly, determined that its nature was suspicious. Three members of the Kootenay Boundary Regional General Investigation Section were called in along with the Police Service Dog unit. They located and arrested Hanoski by 12:15. He was charged with arson and later appeared in court in Nelson. Hanoski was released on $10,000 bail Friday afternoon. According to RCMP Staff Sergeant Dan Siebel, among the conditions of his bail are that he is not to go to Ainsworth and not to be in possession of fire accelerants. He is staying with a family member in Calgary.

"If folks are concerned that more fires may be set, they can be at ease because this individual is no longer in the community," said Siebel.

Fire Chief Badry reported that it took less than two hours to destroy the hotel, despite the efforts of 15 firefighters and five firefighting rigs supplied by the Kaslo and Balfour/Harrop volunteer fire departments. Ainsworth does not have a fire department. Badry said the balloon-framing of the heritage building caused the fire to spread quickly. Neighbours were advised to turn sprinklers and hoses on their roofs. The nearby heritage JB Fletcher store building was thus prevented from catching fire.

The 5,000-square-foot hotel was built in 1896 as one of the few in the region that had hot running water, thanks to the nearby hot springs. More recently, the hotel had sat unused for years until being purchased by two Calgary families.

Meanwhile, police are still investigating the destruction of the two heritage buildings in the 115-year-old Marblehead quarry near Meadow Creek. At press time, Staff Sergeant Siebel was unable to report any progress in finding the culprit(s) for that arson.
Slocan Park residents stage ongoing logging protests

by Jan McMurray

Slocan Park residents have been out several times to protest the logging that started above their community on June 7.

The day the logging started, 30 people participated in a noon rally at Hwy 6 and Stobro Road, and 17 people came out that evening. On Thursday, June 10, a field inspection of the first cutblock (block 2) was scheduled at 1 pm. A group showed up to protest, and six residents accompanied Al Skakun from BC Timber Sales and Steve Barabonoff of CPS Investments, the logging contractor, on the field inspection. Then on Friday, June 11, 20 people showed up for an early morning protest at the Kalesnikoff mill site, as Kalesnikoff is purchasing some of the timber from the Slocan Park blocks.

The group moved to the BCTS office in Castlegar for a protest later in the morning.

“People are protesting because they are not comfortable with this logging in their watersheds,” said Sandi Kabel, director of the Slocan Park Community Action for Responsible Ecology Society (Slocan Park CARES).

Slocan Park residents have been opposed to this BC timber sale since 2008. They are concerned that the logging on such steep slopes will cause heavy sedimentation in the rural areas first, according to Herma Hammond, a Crescent Valley resident’s water supply.

The society has hired local forestor Herb Hammond to do an environmental study of the four cutblocks in this timber sale. They had wanted him to conduct both pre- and post-logging studies, but Kabel says BCTS would not delay the logging to accommodate the pre-logging study. However, the society is hoping that a pre-logging study can still be done on block 1, the most sensitive of the four blocks and the last one that will be done on block 2.

Sporadic logging on block 2 caused heavy sedimentation in a Crescent Valley resident’s water supply.

The society believes that there is no reason to delay the logging operations as part of the process to get forest management certification under the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) BC Standard. Public comments are invited as part of the audit. Slocan Park CARES representatives have an appointment to meet with the auditors on Monday, June 14.

Stan Hadikin of Kalesnikoff told the Valley Voice on June 11 that the company has entered into a contract with the logging contractor, on the field inspection.

Full-day kindergarten comes to School District 8

by Kate Guiler

All schools in the province will implement full-day kindergarten programs over the next two school years. School District 8 (Nelson-Creston) will offer full-day K starting next year (September 2010) at all schools in outlying areas, including the Slocan Valley, Kaslo, Meadow Creek, Salmo and Creston, with Nelson schools coming online in September 2011.

The Homelinks program, which connects homeschooled families with the classroom, will also participate. Kristi Crowe of SD8 explained that Homelinks students were engaged in more play and activities at home, and they might also come into school for longer periods of time.

The decision to initiate the program in the rural areas first is a direct response to the findings of the Early Development Instrument (EDI), Crowe said. The study found that the majority of the most developmentally vulnerable children in the region lived outside of Nelson. “The ministry feels that full-day K supports students who are at risk on a number of levels, from socioeconomics to literacy,” Crowe said. The half-day program will no longer be an option for parents, said Crowe. However, kindergarten is considered optional.

There will continue to be multi-age classrooms at many of the schools. The ministry, Crowe said, supports the “primary program,” in which kindergarten to grade three is totally play-based. This necessitates “differentiation,” she said, “where everyone is working on a literacy activity but on different levels.” She added that there will be no rows and desks in the classroom.

“The curriculum isn’t any different than it was for half-day kindergarten. The Ministry is really, really clear that the learning goals are going to stay the same.” Crowe believes this will allow for time to “go deeper” with more play-based activities and art.

Crowe encourages parents to contact their local school if they have concerns or questions. Kindergarten orientations will be held at the schools throughout June and private appointments can be made. Crowe can be contacted at Brent Kennedy Elementary, 250-226-7217.

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Serving the Arrow and Slocan Lakes
Mourning Rob Riley...
One of my dearest friends died last week. Rob Riley was a character, and will be remembered as such. In many ways he was a great man. Intellectually gifted, magnanimous of spirit and possessed of a keen sense of humour. Like many great spirits, he had a number of character flaws as well. He was a hopeless alcoholic. As soon as he ever got any money, he would start drinking, and wouldn’t stop until the money was gone. Rarely bathed, and lived in squalor. He chained-smoked hand-rolled cigarettes for most of his too-short life. He was stubborn and impertinent.

Rob was a month older than me, and we knew each other since university days. He came for a visit shortly after I landed in Rosebery, and ended up staying for most of the next decade and a half. He was living at my log house when it burnt down, and moved into a room in the basement of the new house when it was built. He lived there for several years, before moving into a trailer on my property. It was there that he died.

We worked together on our university newspaper, The Quill. He came to join me on my first community newspaper, The Souris Valley Echo. We’ve published books, newspapers and magazines together. When Jan & I bought the Valley Voice, he became our first production manager.

The biggest project that we ever took on together was putting the Sanded Museum back together after two-thirds of the collection had been taken by a disgruntled member of the historical society. We worked long hours for weeks that summer, putting together the interpretation that still adorns the Museum back together after two-thirds of the collection had been taken by a disgruntled member of the historical society. We worked long hours for weeks that summer, putting together the interpretation that still adorns the display. Because we were both newspapermen, we broke the history of the place into stories. The walls of that museum were our paste-up boards that summer, and we revved in all of that space.

Rob was a complicated man. He had a low sense of self-worth, yet was always defending the rights of others. He refused to take a disability pension for decades, despite having had a leg amputated as a child. Too proud. He was a socialist, a gay-rights advocate and a tireless defender of disabled people for decades, despite having had a leg amputated as a child. Too proud. He was stubborn and impertinent.

I loved him dearly, and miss him very much.

Dan Nicholson, publisher

Thanks to Hidden Garden Gallery

I would like to congratulate the Hidden Garden Gallery on their 10th anniversary and a big thank you for their involvement and support in art education at Lucerne School over the past five years.

The beautiful quilted fabric wall hinging of the New Denver glacier that hangs in the main foyer of the school is one of many projects that HGG has helped fund. Another project involved providing a grant to purchase materials for one of our ‘Fall into Learning’ immersion weeks instructed by artists, Linda Dixon from Nakusp. Students learned a variety of surface design techniques in order to create their own personal textile tapestry. The gallery has hosted four art shows featuring student work from Patti Sebben’s textile class, and Bridghid Bowman and Valerie Piercy-Wilson’s fine art classes. This past year the Hidden Garden Gallery sponsored free fibre art classes in felting at the school for elementary students with Marcy Mahr as instructor. The three-time world champion Rachel Champagne’s K-2 class had their first art show at the gallery.

Lucerne School looks forward to the corollations and activities planned by the Hidden Garden Gallery this summer and on behalf of the Lucerne School I wish the board of directors great success in future endeavours.

It does indeed take a whole community to raise a child.

Blessed be your birthday! Patti Sebben, Lucerne School teacher

Silverton

Open letter to the ICBC Fairness Commissioner

I am writing to express my outrage and concern that the people of BC are being held hostage by the good old boys club at ICBC. It recently occurred to me that the corporation has no moral or legal place in the enforcement of law, nor does it have a moral or legal place in the process of assessing, regulating, or quantifying traffic times.

The purpose of the corporation is to provide insurance to motorists. For ICBC to have a hand in any other aspect is an obvious and blatant conflict of interest. Whether the Fairness Commissioner is at arm’s-length or not, the commissioner cannot, must not, be in any way, shape or form under the umbrella of ICBC.

This corporation is required by law to be a non-profit entity. Why then, did over three hundred million dollars recently get transferred to general revenue? Enough lies already. It’s time to dismantle ICBC or revamp the corporation for transparency of procedures. The commissioner must not be seen to be of, with, or for the insurance corporation. And ICBC must not be allowed to continue to have any input into the administration of traffic matters. The people of BC can only stand so much, and then they will rebel.

Jody Rogers
New Denver

South Slocan water story

To all water users in the Regional District of Central Kootenay:
In 1948 we were incorporated under the Water Act of the day - our system was engineered and approved by the authorities at the time. A Commission of Management was established and everything went well for 30 years. In 1980, our wooden water tank needed replacement. To finance a 60,000 gallon tank, the RDCK was incorporated. The Regional District of Central Kootenay: The South Slocan Commission of Management (SSCM) had the new holding tank erected with the approval of the RDCK.

Everything went well until the RDA decided that untreated water was illegal and treatment was necessary for all water systems. The people who had been running our system could no longer operate it as they were “unqualified” in spite of 50 years of experience and local knowledge.

In 2010, we the 50 or so water users of the South Slocan water system, must pay for a multi-phase treatment plant with pumps, etc. For the initial price of $316,000. This water treatment could have been done in 2005 for approximately $43,000.

Most cities and towns have primary water treatment. Why must a small system have to a multi-treatment plant at seven times the initial bid? Perhaps the RDCK could be a bit more conservative with its taxpayers, most of whom in this small water district are seniors on fixed incomes or young, hardworking, low-income families.

Stan Baker
South Slocan

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Nakusp Music Festival responds to council report

It was with great concern that the board of directors of the Nakusp Roots Music Society reviewed the Village of Nakusp council report on the “true cost to the Village to host the Music Festival” and the subsequent coverage of this report included in the Valley Voice newspaper, June 2, 2010. We believe that this report has done a great disservice to both the Nakusp Music Festival and the Village by presenting a false and subjective information to council and the public.

Our main concern is that the bulk of the costs that are outlined in the report are for items, services or staffing that are off-site of the Music Festival over which we have no control; are not part of our agreement; and would otherwise be regular costs to the Village during any event held in the Nakusp area.

We are aware that Music Festival participants do contribute to increasing tourism in the area. We also feel that the Village and local businesses reap considerable benefits from the festival and that the increase in tourism is a positive benefit for the town. This also fits in with the long-range strategy of increasing tourism and helps Nakusp diversify its economic base.

Music Festival is a strong corporate citizen supporting many organizations and initiatives in this area and has a huge volunteer base. We have always paid what is legitimately owed to the Village and the Village has managed and maintained the site in a responsible manner, including purchasing equipment to be shared by the Village, school district and golf course to maintain the Village as a year-round community.

The board of NRMS has worked co-operatively with the Village in promoting Music Festival in the surrounding communities and helps Nakusp diversify its economic spinoffs and we sincerely hope to continue to do so in the future.

Board of directors
Nakusp Roots Music Society
New Denver’s Carpenter Creek trail

Thanks to Rosalie for her thoughts on the Carpenter Creek trail. The spring of 2008 my dog decided to go for a walk up that way. It was very bushy in both; I could see there was a trail up the mountain and decided to clean it out enough to walk without having to push branches aside. It took me till the fall to clean out to the rocks side. Then last year I cleared it out to the top and then the river. Now you can see the original cement water flame on the other side of the creek that fed water to the Walthum powerhouse that supplied the first electricity to New Denver.

The road from the end of the main street was built by Sandy Harris in the early ’40s and gave him access to a new power plant on this side of the creek. That power plant is no longer in operation there still. Too bad it was destroyed when BC Hydro bought him out – it is really a heritage area.

While I was working away with my loppers to see a lot of quartz rock round and started to put them aside. Soon I started to balance other rocks. Others have enjoyed them too, but someone has been kicking them down every week or so I have to put them up again. On Thursday I found this note under one such pile:

“The person who makes the rock piles. I’m asking you to move your hobby to your own back yard. I come to the river path to see the natural beauty and your ‘Kilroy was here’ territorial markers are very irritating and unattractive. I have stopped walking here so I don’t have to see your marks on the natural setting. There is enough human disturbance already, so please cease and desist and let nature do the landscaping.”

I know who is doing it. A man was seen doing his karate kick on them. Just bent this nature lover lives in a wood house with running water and a television set.

Ernie George
New Denver

The damming of BC

At the last minute, the BC Liberals ramped through Bill 17, their so-called ‘Clean Energy Act.’ What concerns me about this Act as a resident of the Kootenays is that we may be foolishly losing our social, culturally and environmentally expensive electricity forever. I am referring to the electricity that is ours through the Columbia River Treaty.

To produce this electricity the Duncan Dam 1, Arrowsmith Dam & Mica dams were built forcing 2,300 of our First Nations sites, including burial grounds, are flooded. Our aquatic farms. Some of our best farm land and wildlife habitat are flooded. First Nations sites, including burial grounds, are flooded. Our aquatic ecosystems are devastated.

This sacrifice results in about 440 GWh/year – the same amount the proposed site C dam would produce. We didn’t need that electricity in the 1960s and signed long-term contracts for much less expensive electricity forever. I am referring to the electricity that is ours through the Columbia River Treaty.

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You have made your opinion and your lack of consideration for the wishes of 60% of Kaslo’s people apparent. Too bad 40% didn’t have the democracy in the dictionary before you made your statements a matter of public record.

I will be spending one more year on the board of directors so I guess we were wrong about that as well.

Bruce Freeman
Kaslo

Voices from the hilltop

Putting out the fires everywhere or shutting off the fuel source?

June 1st I don’t know what to say. I don’t know to whom either.

The very humanistic attack on the Gaza strip made me reflect on the allowance of letting Earth’s water fill up with BP’s oil and worst yet, the even more toxic dispersant. A new 9/11 for the world. Humane I say because this is toxic dispersant. A new 9/11 for the world. Humane I say because this is toxic dispersant.

Geez is there something in there? Staying at home tending to my community’s food, shelter and well being. No futile and ironic demonstrations to the slave masters themselves, no little riots opposed by dehumanizing and brutal military weapons. Umm’m isn’t that a humanistic attack on something greater than everyday fear?..

In the meantime I apologize, as a fellow human, for not contributing a more tangible solution to all this non-sense.

Marc Heroux
Nakusp

Freeman responds to Bill Wells

There are many inaccuracies in your rambling Valley Voice letter of June 2 (Resolution passed at KDCS’s restricted) that need to be corrected, but first let’s talk about democracy. That’s when the majority of people vote for what they want, even if you disagree with them. It’s how our country works and many soldiers paid dearly for the right for all of us to vote freely. No one at the meeting was forced to vote for any specific action. The people made up their own minds.

The members told the Board of Directors of the Kaslo Community Forest Society that they are tending to their forest harvested every year and getting nothing back. They are the owners of the wood and it will take more than 75 years before another harvestable forest grows again. The $35m dividend for all wood cut is a small amount and should leave plenty of extra money for all other forest and finances are managed properly. When you consider a forest manager is paid $76,000 to just manage the wood, $35m for the owners ($100 per logging truck) seems pretty unreasonable don’t you think?

You state only two of the resolutions suggested mechanisms for disembarkation of the money. This is not true. All three you state that the dividend ‘would allow long-term planning.’ After spending $50,000 on long-term planning, the planning report determined that we should all subsidise capitalism to incorporate more drought resistant species to better cope with global warming. I fail to see why the people’s dividend changes any of that or weakens our future.

You state that the disbursement of the funds will now dominate board meetings. The funds are disbursed once a year. As you well know, there are board meetings per year and numerous other committee meetings each month. Don’t you suppose that you will be committed to a plan and not just making a decision out of the hundreds of other items that are dealt with on an annual basis.

You state the dividend will “simply reduce the society’s ability to do anything else but get the wood out!” First of all, we don’t just get the wood out. The government dictates how much (only about 14,000Mc) can be taken out for the “lawsuit settlement.” A possible cut of 10,000Mc. Many of us would like to cut less; however, we are mandated by law to cut this wood or the government will get someone else to cut it. This is where the business side comes in. If you don’t manage your required cut in a fiscally responsible manner, you will have no profit to return to the community and you will have to pay for items out of the hundreds of areas for forest that is not managed.

The statement of the KDCS’s constitution states “The purpose of the Society is to promote the greatest benefit to the community from forestry initiatives.”

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Expect Cyclists
Used oil recycling promoters visit the Slocan Valley
by Dan Spring
On June 11, the BC Used Oil Management Association’s student representatives arrived at Slocan Park Service to promote oil recycling. They chose Slocan Park Service on Highway 6 because the facility includes an oil recycling depot, where people can drop off used motor oil, oil containers and filters. There are 500 such facilities across BC, thanks to a government initiative to recollect the black gunk and prevent it from contaminating the environment. There is no charge when you drop off your oil, as the government includes the collection fee as part of the price when you buy your oil.
Student representatives Katsy Kirsh and Michelle Haaf hope to travel to 480 of BC’s 500 used-oil collection depots over the summer to fulfill the co-op employment component of their studies in communications and marketing at Simon Fraser University and the University of British Columbia, respectively. To help promote oil pollution prevention, Kirsh and Haaf’s ride was provided by Volkswagen, who gave them a new Jetta, named 2009 green car of the year.
“We will be taking the car to collection facilities,” said Kirsh, “but we will also be attending government meetings with municipal officials to make sure they are aware of the program and that it is working for them. Also, we are attending events like Kelowna’s car show and the Vancouver Landfill’s open house.”
Why is their message so important?
“One drop of oil can contaminate one million drops of water,” said Haaf, “so it’s essential to recycle.”
According to figures on the BC Used Oil Management Association’s website, 73% of BC’s used oil makes it to used-oil collection depots. But that still leaves 18 million litres, in this province alone, which are not re-collected every year.
While much of the uncollected oil is burnt or reused, the association estimates that a half million litres are sprayed on roads and weeds. 100,000 litres are dumped “at midnight” in the ocean by fishing and pleasure boats, and 2.5 million litres are dumped in landfills by backyard and do-it-yourself mechanics. To put the numbers into perspective, the amount of used oil dropped into the ground or water in BC amounts to about one Exxon Valdez spill every 13 years.

Nakusp man missing after falling into Kuskanax; Kaslo man rescued
submitted
• A 35-year-old Nakusp man has been missing since June 9, when he fell off the Kuskanax bridge into the river.
Nakusp RCMP report that the Nakusp resident drove onto the bridge and got out of his vehicle. While looking over the edge, he lost his balance and fell into the fast-moving Kuskanax River.
Nakusp Search and Rescue was deployed, and a helicopter from Kelowna flew over the area. Further searches were conducted on June 10 and 11 with a police dog. On June 12, a helicopter and dive team attended. The dive team utilized underwater cameras in attempts to locate the individual. None of these efforts met with success, and the man was still missing as of June 14.
• A 59-year-old man from Kaslo had to be rescued by helicopter from Mt. Brennan near Retallack on Saturday, June 12. He was skiing when a section of snow gave way and pushed him into some large rocks. As a result of the injuries he suffered, he was unable to make his way off the mountain. Other members of his group placed a call for assistance. Members of the Kaslo and Nelson Search and Rescue teams attended. The man was transported to hospital where he was treated for minor injuries.

With the British Petroleum disaster on everyone’s minds, now is an opportune time to do what we can to prevent oil spillage at home.
For more information, or to find a used-oil collection depot near you, visit www.usedolorecycling.com.
Metal artist Kate Tupper to exhibit at Studio Connexion in Nakusp

by Art Joyce

It’s not every day one thinks of welding as fine art, but with the right training and technique, Kate Tupper has achieved that synthesis of the practical and creative. A new exhibition of her work entitled Blossom and Jetsam will be on display at Studio Connexion in Nakusp from June 18 to July 4.

Tupper began exhibiting her work in 2008 in Nakusp, then at Nelson’s Craft Connection gallery, and Kasło’s Langham gallery in 2009. She was commissioned by the Village of Nakusp to create a hockey sculpture that will eventually adorn the arena. Another one of her works, Logger’s Prayer Wheel, was purchased by the Kasło Hotel and mounted on the front of the building.

Studio Connexion is located at 203 Fifth Ave. NW, Nakusp, open Thursday and Friday 3-5 pm, Saturday and Sunday 12-4 pm. For more information, contact 250-265-8888.

Nakusp Paddling Club completes Arrow Lakes paddling map

by Art Joyce

For those seeking a quiet day out on the lake, either on their own or with the Nakusp Paddling Club, there is now a detailed map available. The map, completed with the help of a grant from the Columbia Basin Trust, makes it possible to take a guided tour along the Arrow Lakes, with all sites of interest noted.

The map is broken down into sections, including Blanket Creek to Cape Horn, Cape Horn to Caribou Point, Caribou Point to Bowman, and Bowman to Castlegar. The maps were created by Kyle Kusch of Nakusp, who scanned the entire lake system with GPS. Areas of cultural significance, swimming beaches, campsites, boat launches, safe havens and even waterfalls are all noted. Local services in Arrow Lakes communities such as medical clinics, dining, and pay phones are also charted. There’s a useful introductory section that provides average lake levels, typical weather throughout the year, ferry schedules, wildlife and fishing information, and an exhibitory of the lakes.

“I did actually go out and reference every single point on those maps,” says Kusch. “Obviously living here you know a fair amount but I had to go out and gather information. It’s the only way to be sure it’s accurate.”

Users of the map can download it from the Nakusp area Chamber of Commerce website. Kusch says the advantage of this is that paddlers can simply print out the portion they need for the trip they have planned.

“It’s more welcoming that way for visitors, than if you have to pay live bucks, ten bucks for a map,” Kusch says. He says the paddling map is a good reminder for people who live here but may have overlooked the “amazing playground we have right in our backyard.” Kusch says the paddling club is mostly comprised of people his parents’ age staying active and getting out into the environment, something he finds impressive. The club owns a 10-person Clipper canoe, something he finds impressive. The club owns a 10-person Clipper canoe and a two-person canoe.

For more information on the paddling club go to nakuspaurowlakes.com or to download the map go to www.nakusppaddlingclub.blogspot.com

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2010 PERMISSIVE TAX EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS

The Community Charter allows Village Council to exempt certain properties from taxation. Council has adopted Policy No. F9 which requires an annual application from any organization seeking an exemption from property taxes. The deadline for receiving applications for the 2011 taxation year is June 30, 2010.

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YOU ARE INVITED: BC HYDRO PUBLIC MEETING

When: Thursday, June 17, 2010
Time: 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Location: Nakusp Senior Citizens Hall
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BC Hydro will host a public meeting to provide information regarding:
- Arrow Lakes Reservoir and Columbia River operations
- Non-Treatment Storage Agreement
- Columbia Basin reservoir levels and fish operations
- BC Hydro programs and local activities

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Presentation will begin at 6:00 p.m. For more information please contact Jen Walker-Larsen 250 814 6645.

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FOR GENERATIONS
Nakusp, June 8: Mayor Hamling soothsies Music Fest concerns

by Art Joyce

Mayor Hamling pulled from the agenda the item on the true costs to the Village of the music festival. It will be referred to committee. Once accurate information is gathered, the committee can make a decision, she said. “Historically we haven’t charged for these costs; if we have to do it with one then we have to do it with all of them. We need to be fair and treat everybody equitably. We have to remember these events bring business into town, and I’d like to apologize to the music society for any grief that has been caused and try to maintain the good working relationship we’ve had with them to date.”

Mayor Hamling reported on her attendance at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) in Toronto. She noted that municipalities across Canada are all facing the problem of aging infrastructure. Typically infrastructure projects are funded one-third each by all three levels of government but smaller communities have smaller tax bases to draw upon, making it harder to put up the required one-third. “It’s more important than ever that we get a fairer share of funding because we can’t afford to do what they’re requiring of us,” said the mayor. She said this is also true of the new climate change requirements for municipalities. The FCM resolution for a guaranteed carbon supplement passed unanimously.

The mayor reported that with Dr. Gorenson leaving and Dr. Kelland wanting to retire in the fall, Nakusp is “looking at a crisis situation with physicians in this community.” Mayor Hamling met with Doctors Lea and Connelly and said council will be asked to help with recruiting replacement doctors.

The supervisor of the Emergency Services building will organize a site tour for council once the roof trusses are up.

Councillor Mueller reported that the Nakusp Paddling Club has completed its new paddling map for the Arrow Lakes. She also noted that a study will be done to determine what type of webcam is needed for the airport.

Councillor Leitch, in his agenda item ‘committees and council representation’ said he wants council to examine “whether they’re part of our mandate, and whether we need to attend every one.” Given the sheer number of community groups and committees he wondered if individuals could be appointed as liaisons to council. Mayor Hamling said she wants to get council together over the summer months to discuss the issue. “If we’re not going to be attending meetings unless we’re needed we need to let people know.”

In the grant update it was reported that the application to the Southern Interior Development Initiatives Trust (SIDIT) for $42,233 has been accepted for further consideration.

A request from Wendylle Jones of Happy Face Recycling bottle depot to hold a market from May to October was considered. Jones has also been renting space to individuals selling used cars, something not allowed for in the zoning or the original permit for a mini-storage business. Council has no objections to the flea market provided it is kept behind the screened fence, although Councilman Davis said he wants to see broken-down vehicles on the site. Council referred the development permit to staff for amendment.

The Farmer’s Market request to open July 1, August long weekend, and during the music festival was granted. CAO Lafleur said in speaking with the organizers they wanted to know if they could avoid having to re-apply annually for permission to use the site. Council was concerned that with the new Western Pacific Marine building, the market will eventually conflict with council business. Councilman Davis said Council will invite organizers to offer a proposal for a new location.

Nakusp faces serious shortage of doctors

by Jan McMurray

Nakusp could find itself with only one doctor in the fall, which would likely shut down the emergency department at the hospital.

“I don’t think people realize how serious the situation is. The emergency room may have to close, and there may be patients without a physician,” said Dr. Norm Lea.

Of the four doctors currently serving the community, Dr. Lea is the one who plans to stay. The other three have legitimate reasons for leaving; Dr. Gorenson is moving June 15 to be closer to his family; Dr. Connelly has indicated his intention to leave when his contract expires; and Dr. Kelland is planning to retire in the fall, after more than 30 years practising in the community.

“These people have provided incredible coverage and dedication over the years,” said Lea. “And I can’t do it alone.”

Lea is calling on the community to step in and help with recruitment efforts. “Where the recruitment has been primarily taken on by Dr. Kelland and myself, those recruiting efforts are going to have to come from the community, whether that comes from Village council or concerned community members,” he said. “My primary interest is the health care of the community, but I can’t be the sole person to organize it.”

Lea pointed out that other towns have had to rally and do the recruiting, as well.

He reported that recruitment efforts have been well underway for some time, and in earnest since last fall – without much success.

When asked why it is so difficult to find doctors for our rural communities, Lea explained that rural doctors not only have their regular practice and responsibility to patients in the acute care and extended care beds in the hospital, but they also take shifts in the emergency department. Conversely, in the city, a family doctor finishes at the end of the day, and emergency shifts are taken by designated emergency physicians.

“There is a misconception in the public’s eyes that lots of doctors should be willing to work in the small towns here, but the dedication required and the workload tends to keep people away. Our call schedules are difficult and onerous – there is not a lot of free time. It’s a big commitment,” he said.

Lea said efforts should focus on trying to recruit enough physicians so that it’s palatable for those physicians to be here. “Realistically, we need six or seven physicians,” he said. “Four is the most he has seen in his 22 years in Nakusp.

“If we get down to two physicians and we’re unable to cover 24/7 emergency shifts, we have to go on diversion or close the emergency department,” said Lea. ‘Diversion’ means patients and ambulances must go to another facility, such as New Denver’s. He said the ambulance was adequately staffed at the moment, “but that could change at any time.”

Lea said Dr. Gorenson’s patients will not have a physician for the time being. “We’re trying to get locums to cover his practice, but it’s not going to be seamless,” he said.

Diane Gagnon of the IHA reported that efforts to recruit physicians to Nakusp include advertising on Health Match BC, a web-based recruitment tool, sending memos regarding the need for locums or permanent coverage, and contacting physicians in the Kootenay Boundary and those who have worked in Nakusp before. She said funding had been secured until March 31, 2011 under the rural locum program for communities in distress. This funding helps bring in locums – physicians who come in on a short-term basis to cover services.

If we get to the point where there are gaps in the emergency department, we will have a contingency plan in place – we will know where the patients are going to go,” said Gagnon. She also said that a communication plan is in place, so the ambulance service and other stakeholders will know of the contingency plans.

Kaslo Artwalk starts early at Landmark Bakery

submitted

Local artist Jennifer Halliday will begin showcasing her original acrylic paintings at the Landmark Bakery from June 14 through August 31. Landmark Bakery is situated at 416 Front Street, Kaslo.

Jennifer Halliday’s paintings consist of portraits, landscapes and still life. If you appreciate the style of art but would like a more personal piece, consider having a painting commissioned. The display will be changing through the summer, so visit often.
Lucerne School students promote eating locally

submitted by Carolynne Carrathers, Socials 9/10 class, Lucerne School

Early in the spring, the Socials 9/10 class in Lucerne school were given the assignment to do an action project. They finally decided that the issue they were most passionate about was healthy eating, and more specifically, eating locally grown food.

Winlaw poet William Brown launches new book

submitted

Winlaw’s William Brown launches his new book Chasing Rainbows with a humourous and weirdly brilliant performance. The book launch and performance will be at Moomonster’s Secret Cave, located in downtown Winlaw at 5986 Highway 6 on Friday, June 25 at 4 pm. Wine and cheese will be provided.

Many know him through his spoken word at Nelson’s Poetry Slam, through his collage work, and through last year’s William Brown Slam that toured the West Kootenay. Chasing Rainbows is a novella about a young man who literally chases rainbows to find what’s on the other side, as a means of chasing his own dreams. With a knack for the bizarre and a hint of dark humour, combined with friendly antics, Brown’s performance will be an entertaining one, enough to flip the sterner of frowns. Everyone is invited to join in the fun.

Brown is a big fan of the Beat poets, especially Ginsberg and Gary Snyder. What resonates with Brown about the Beats is the ethos of “not settling for what the system tells you to do but finding your own path.” Chasing Rainbows echoes the influences of Richard Braustigan and Jack Kerouac. Brown’s other works are also available at Moomonster’s.

For more information, visit www.theculturwillybrown.blogspot.com or call 250-226-7080.

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The ILMB File Number that has been established for this application is 445049. Written comments concerning this application should be directed to the Natural Resource Officer at FrontCounter BC, 1902 Theatre Road, Cranbrook B.C., V1C 7G1 or email to: AuthorizingAgency.Cranbrook@gov.bc.ca. Comments will be received by FrontCounter BC until July 9, 2010. FrontCounter BC may not be able to consider comments received after this date. Please refer to our website http://www.arfd.gov.bc.ca/ApplicationPosting/index.jsp – Search – Search by File Number: Insert Lands File Number for more information.

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New Denver, June 8: Council rescinds OCP and zoning amendment bylaws

by Michael Dorsey

• Mayor Wright opened the meeting by welcoming over 75 residents and concerned citizens, who were interested in the agenda item regarding the proposed third reading and adoption of the OCP and zoning amendment bylaws that would accommodate the construction of seniors housing on the helipad.
• Council rescinded both bylaws to applause from the residents.

Councillor Murphy asked if “we are going to pursue” the seniors housing project, and Mayor Wright responded by saying it was “off the table.” In response to questions from residents, Wright commented that “the project is gone – it was a one-chance offer, and though housing is still a priority topic, BC Housing and IHA are no longer involved.”

Later, Mayor Wright answered questions from councillors and the public regarding health care and the helipad. He stated that anything anyone could do to increase activity at the hospital would help. Councillor Bunka commented that the bath/shower facility for the elderly could be used more.

In response to concerns that IHA wants to shut down the health centre, Wright stated that IHA has “no plot,” and the Village needs to work at hospital activity all the time to help it continue.

Mayor Wright stated that maintaining the helipad would help, but the real issue was ambulances, doctors, nurses and service shortages. Councillor Murphy commented that he was confident that New Denver and area residents would be able to resist future degradation of health care.

• Councillor Greensward reported that Regional Hospital District meetings with Mayor Wright and Diane Gagnon were coming up, and a public announcement on “new changes” would be issued.
• Council carried a motion to start the survey regarding relocating the recycling bin from the environmental reserve area where it currently sits to the south side of Slocan Ave.
• Councillor Banka reported meeting with John Cathro of the fuel reduction project, which aims to reduce the risk of wildfires close to communities in the region. They walked through areas proposed for treatment. She will report again when ground inspections are complete.
• Banka also noted that although the Nikki Centre did not receive funding for a summer student, they will hire staff for the summer.

Mayor Wright reported meeting with the Village of Montrose and Public Works Foreman Mike Simpson regarding electric service vehicles.

There are smaller multi-use vehicles that recharge at night, and the service rate of the batteries is all day. Wright noted the cost is about $40,000, with additions including a venting system when charging batteries, which the Village has in place.

He commented that Montrose Public Works feel the vehicles are not “manly,” and noted that the Village truck would be serviceable for two more years, after which the Village will need a replacement.

Mike Simpson will follow up and report to council, as Montrose will be monitoring the vehicles for a longer time.

Wright commented that Montrose has worked out a deal with Fortis, and when asked if a similar deal could be established with BC Hydro, he said the Village and Hydro had not talked about it yet. Wright also commented that Carbon Neutral guidelines determine funding.

The Village will investigate electric vehicle options.

• Councillor Murphy reported that swimming lessons sponsored by Recreation Commission 6 will happen, and Mayor Wright may “piggyback” with the Slocan instructor.
• A letter from the campgrounds attending regarding campfires on Centennial Park Beach was discussed. Campers have apparently moved some fire rings to the beach, and have left food on the beach, and left behind garbage of the beach. Council referred the issue to General Affairs.

Council then approved a request from Montrose campground attendants for a feasibility study by Bob Varalou regarding installation of a wireless phone tower for the attendants, which would help, but the real issue was camping.

Councillor Greensward reported on attending the Federation of Canadian Municipalities conference in Toronto. She said the main point of Prime Minister Harper’s speech was “there is no money.” The current priority is dealing with container ships, particularly where industries leave small towns with clean-up after their businesses are exhausted.

She noted that Hans Greensward “could be a sculptor.”

Hidden Garden Gallery sculpture project nearing finish

by Art Joyce

For months now the intrepid volunteer board at the Hidden Garden Gallery has been fundraising for a public sculpture project in New Denver and now the final crunch is on. The gallery is holding an art auction Saturday, June 19, 7:30 pm to raise the final cost of the sculpture. Toru Fujibayashi, a former intern in Slocan and internationally renowned sculptor, is creating a piece specifically with the community in mind.

The sculpture, entitled Deepening Peace, is made from Vancouver Island marble, a gift from the general public to its future visitors to set up a overlooked beautiful Slocan Lake. As inspiration for the theme, Fujibayashi cites Indian author and mystic Iddu Krishnamurti, who said, “To put an end to outward war, you must begin to put an end to war in yourself.” For many, peace is just an abstract concept, admits Fujibayashi, given that there has been so little of it in human history.

“...That possibility lies within each one of us, but along the way we almost accept it as one to be war, to be aggressive. I thought if I was to go on to warring within myself, I could express peace through the sculpture.”

Fujibayashi, who was born in 1942, was taken from Vancouver with his family to the internment camp in Slocan when he was still an infant. Yet he feels fortunate to have been able to grow up in the Kootenays. He and his wife Jan have chosen the simpler lifestyle of a small acreage outside Nakusp over a far more lucrative art career in the city. He attended school in Slocan, played on local hockey and baseball teams throughout the valley, and fondly recalls working in the projection room in the Bosun Hall during his teens. After high school he was educated at Alberta College of Art in Calgary and East Texas State University. “I told my parents I was going to be a commercial writer,” he recalls.

But when he saw the sculptures of Henry Moore, he knew he wanted to become a sculptor.

Since then Fujibayashi has taught at Arctic College in Nunavut, Kootenay School of Art, and the University of Victoria, as well as being one of the designers of the original fine arts program at Okanagan College. His sculptures have been sold to clients in China, Australia, New Zealand, US, Canada and elsewhere. Although his work sells for much more on the international art market, he says he felt honoured to be asked by the gallery board to create a sculpture for New Denver.

For Fujibayashi it’s a way of giving back to a community that has been a part of him since his earliest years. “It’s just one small voice for one small town to say, we can work together cooperatively,” he says.

Although fundraising has been going well for the gallery, a major project grant that would have funded the majority of the sculpture’s cost was turned down. The board has roughly two weeks to raise the balance and is counting on the auction to supply some of that cost. So far the response to the auction has been overwhelmingly positive, with 90 pieces of art donated to the cause. The Village is supporting the project wholeheartedly, donating the location at the foot of main street, as well as staff time and equipment to build the foundation for the sculpture. Council also supported the CBT Community Initiatives grant for the gallery. If the funds can’t be raised for Deepening Peace, a smaller sculpture by Toru will be purchased.

“We’re incredibly privileged to have the opportunity to display the work of one of Canada’s great sculptors on our main street,” says Mayor Gary Wright. “It’s an example of how New Denver is dedicated to putting on great things.”

“...We can be proud of the fact that New Denver can attract world class art and help put the community on the map,” says Cunningham, RDCK Area G Director, will be FCM president, and Women in Canada statistics show a large gap in women in politics.

• Mayor Wright reported on RDCK business, stating that work continues on West and Central Waste Reduction programs, changing regards change in Resource Recovery (garbage). Also, RCMP will meet with the RDCK board about regular policing guidelines.

• Council moved to cancel the regular meetings of July 27 and August 24.

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The Hidden Garden Gallery is raising funds to purchase this sculpture by Toru Fujibayashi.
Slocan City Logger Sports Show revs up excitement

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The air snips with excitement as the lumber Jacks and Jills rev their chainsaws and prepare for the elimination rounds that will decide if they get to compete with the best in the world. Presenting a stage show to the afternoon show. After filling up on a lumberjack breakfast provided by the local Legion, the competitors will gather in the terrace and focus on the day’s events at the July 3 Slocan City Logger Sports Show.

New Kootenay food co-op starts up in New Denver

by Anne Champagne

You have a new fresh food co-op. New Denver’s Jeff and Anna Pilner have set up Everything Under the Sun (www.everythingunderthesun.ca), a food co-op that connects producers with consumers who are unable to get to markets because they’re too busy or have impaired mobility.

“Our service is about putting fresh food, lovingly grown by passionate people, into the hands of consumers who want to support our local Kootenay food producers. Our biggest advantage is time and geography between the consumer and the supplier.”

Food suppliers register on the website, then list how much they have to donate. Customers who want to purchase the food order online and pay for their orders online, then pick up their groceries once a week or have them delivered for a small fee.

By minimizing overhead and fixing on the core service of delivering healthy food to people who need it, the new co-op is able to offer a unique food delivery service.

Valhalla School of Theatre Arts sets to take off

It’s a bird, it’s a plane...vista! Students will find their inner superhero at this year’s Valhalla School of Theatre Arts (VISTA), a week-long summer drama program offered to children ages 7-13. Once again, there will be two program locations and dates: Silverton, July 12-17; and Nakusp, July 19-24. This year’s theme is superheroes. Superheroes abound through the ages, from ancient mythology to the present. Achilles to Lara Croft. The instructors are looking forward to having the group feature a mix of experienced and new, local actors.

Mat Maitlandt, our veteran drama instructor, will return to the beautiful Slocan Valley for a fourth summer and work with all the talented and creative kids at VISTA. Maitlandt loves teaching children and has been working professionally in children’s theatre for many years. He will be joined by local performer and instructor, Christine Nolan. Nolan is well known in Nakusp as a teacher, singer, actor, play director, ukulele player and vocal coach. Christine directed the Nakusp Elementary School Summer Musical Theatre Camp in 2009, and is a highly visible member of the theatrical community. Jim Dugan, professor emeritus returns as Artistic Director for VISTA.

The Slocan Valley Royal Canadian Legion wishes to thank the folks of the Slocan Valley for supporting its fundraisers and the members and friends who have helped at the fundraising events. In celebration of Legion Week June 12 to 20, everyone is invited to a barbecue at the Slocan Beach gazebo on Sunday, June 20, starting at 6:30 pm. If raining, the event will move to the Legion Pavilion.

Thanks to community support and a direct access grant, the Slocan Valley Legion was able to donate a total of $9,810 to 16 different organizations, most of them local, between June 2009 and May 2010. The Slocan Valley Legion also buys and gives Christmas gifts to residents at the New Denver Pavilion each year, and the Legion hall in Slocan is donated for the use of funerals and benefits. Fundraising events held include Fall Fair Food Booth, Halloween Dance, Christmas Craft Fair, Turkey Bingo, New Year’s Eve Dance, Valentine Pancake Breakfast, St. Paddy’s Casino Night, Easter Ham Bingo, Texas Hold ‘em, Mother’s Day Pancake Breakfast, Meat Raffle, and an opportunity to slake the heartiest thirst. Really, who can resist competitive excitement, camaraderie shared over a burger and a drink, and a chance to get away for the day and weekend and enjoy the great outdoors.

“The Slocan Valley Legion is one of the biggest events held in Slocan. Any money raised from this show goes into community projects and to maintain the high quality of the following year’s show. It is respected and enjoyed by numerous volunteers who pull together to produce a memorable show year after year. Admission is free. For more information contact Sandy Smith at 250-355-0042.

Hidden Garden Gallery’s Silent Art Auction

support the purchase of sculpture by Toru Fujibayashi

Saturday, June 12 – 10 am - 3 pm

Bring your donated art to the Gallery and support the purchase of sculpture by Toru Fujibayashi.

Sunday, June 13 – 7:30 pm

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Slocan City Logger Sports Show revs up excitement

submitted

The crowd catches the wave of excitement. Cheers and whoops are heard as two loggers, muscles glistening in the hot sun, have 90 feet of tree pole, touch the top and fly down to meet the crash mat. The first one to make it back to the bottom wins. Log birling, axe throwing, double and single buck are some of the other events that make up this action packed day. Gary Burns, organizer and designer of the logger sports grounds says the show is great fun and entertainment for the whole family. Competitors, men, women and youth, from all over Canada, USA, Australia, and New Zealand come to the event to demonstrate their skills and vie for the number one position.

“It’s like a roller coaster all day long,” says Burns. “One exciting event after another thrills the crowd and keeps the action rolling throughout the day. It’s always a crowd pleaser.”

Burns was one of the group that got the first sanctioned show going 30 years ago. The event demonstrates past and present day logging practices. It allows spectators to share in the lives of the men and women who work hard in one of the most dangerous occupations—to harvest the resources which are used in so many products integral to our daily life.

It isn’t all just competition either. The jovial spirit also rides through the day as a surprise cameo act in the middle of the show brings laughter and a chance to release the tense competitive air. This is followed up by the ever popular auctioning off of a logging truck load of firewood. It doesn’t end there either, but with a battle of the sexes tug o’ war over the birling pond just before the day’s champions are announced. The losers take a dip in the icy cold water. Don’t think the men win each year either, the ladies have been known to pull the big boys in the pond on occasion.

The waft of barbeque floats on the breeze from the concession stand, tempting even those who aren’t necessarily hungry. The Bavarian Garden provides shelter from the sun and an opportunity to savor the heartiest thirst. Really, who can resist competitive excitement, camaraderie shared over a burger and a drink, and a chance to get away for the day and weekend and enjoy the great outdoors.

“We have been really hot,” says Burns, “People have been taken to take a quick trip down to the Village beach on Slocan Lake to cool off,” noting with a sly grin that the birling pond is for competitors only.

The Slocan City Logger Sports Show is one of the biggest events held in Slocan. Any money raised from this show goes into community projects and to maintain the high quality of the following year’s show. It is respected and enjoyed by numerous volunteers who pull together to produce a memorable show year after year. Admission is free. For more information contact Sandy Smith at 250-355-0042.

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We gather today to celebrate your achievements and the end of an era. It's a bittersweet moment as you embark on the next chapter of your lives. As you prepare to leave, we hope you carry with you the memories of high school, the lessons learned, and the friendships formed.

Chances are, many of you are feeling a mix of emotions right now. There may be excitement, relief, and perhaps a hint of sadness as you say goodbye to this chapter of your lives. Remember, every step you take is a new opportunity to learn, grow, and discover new aspects of yourself.

As you look back on your time here, we hope you remember the moments that made your high school experience special. The friendships you formed, the memories you created, and the lessons you learned. These are the things that truly matter.

You've all made a significant impact on the world around you, and we are proud of the contributions you've made. As you move forward, remember to always be true to yourself. Your personal journey is unique, and it's okay to make mistakes along the way. It's through these experiences that we learn and grow.

Best wishes to you all as you continue your adventures. May your future be filled with success, love, and happiness. Congratulations to the Class of 2010!
Mt. Sentinel Secondary School graduation ceremonies 2010

by Jan McMurray

Graduation ceremonies for Mt. Sentinel Secondary School’s Class of 2010 were held June 11. In their opening remarks, teachers Cherie Maloff and Ken Wiens shared the four important lessons they had learned from this group of kids over the years:

“Show up; when the going gets tough, the tough go to the pond for a nature walk; homework is for sissies; what happens in Silverwood stays in Silverwood.”

Trustee Barb Lindsay encouraged the graduates to continue learning throughout their lives. Andy Leathwood, former Mt. Sentinel principal and current Director of Student Learning for the school district, told the students he had missed them this year. He asked them to think about their time at Mt. Sentinel over the next couple of days, as the school is “a place where relationships and people mean just as much as courses and content.”

Principal Glen Campbell opened his remarks by saying he was giving his first address to graduates as principal of the school, and this would be the last time the students would have to listen to a principal. “If I had seen what was coming this year, I may have turned down the job, but that would have been a mistake,” he said. Referring to the Haiti ordeal, he said it is through the greatest challenges that we get our greatest learning and greatest rewards.

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Graduate Loni Kanigan during the Candle and Rose Ceremony.

Andy Leathwood presents Doug Riloff with his diploma.
Congratulations to the Mt. Sentinel graduating class of 2010. May your future endeavours take you places!
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Best of Luck, graduates!

“Do not go where the path may lead; go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.”
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Congratulations to the Grads of 2010!
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Best Wishes for a happy & successful future!
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Congratulations Graduates!
I would like to congratulate all of the 2010 High School graduates of Lucerne Elementary Secondary School, Mt. Sentinel Secondary and Nakusp Secondary. I hope that you have a safe and fun graduation celebration. Good luck to all of you and may your future endeavors be successful!
Nakusp Secondary’s Class of 2010 celebrated at graduation ceremony

by Jan McMurray

The Nakusp Secondary School graduation ceremony took place June 12.

In her address, Principal Susan Paterson said the grads would receive many words of advice at this time of their lives, as it is a rite of passage for them. “You have reached a milestone,” she said. The night before at the banquet, many of the grads had expressed feeling some fear about life after grad. Paterson said she was confident that they were well prepared.

Board of Education Chair Pattie Adam said, “One cannot help but feel humbled and overwhelmed by what may lie ahead. After all, it is unknown territory.” She told the grads that some choices they make will seem to be of little consequence, but may have a ripple effect. “Embrace your choices and enjoy your journey,” she said.

Superintendent Walter Posnikoff thanked school staff and students’ families for their role in the graduates’ success. “You are moving into the future that will require your continued hard work, creativity and perseverance. You are ready, able and prepared for your future,” he said.

Mayor Hamling gave each grad a domino and explained to them how dominos signify life. First, the two sides of the domino signify that there are always at least two sides to every issue. Second, each domino is different. “Everyone you meet is not the same as you, so take that into consideration when making friendships and going through life.” Finally, she said the decisions the grads make could have a domino effect, “so think of both sides of the issue, and when it’s gone.” “So much to do, so little people to do it for me.” “Don’t count the days – make the days count.” “Logic will take you from A to B, but imagination will take you everywhere.”

Andrea Clark introduced the graduates. She first teased them by characterizing them as a class that “has always been known for their eclectic and eccentric ways. A firm and distinct mind was very prevalent and – multiply that by 30 and you can begin to realize what we had to deal with in classes.” On a more serious note, Clark said this group was very tolerant and accepting, with a mature outlook on life that would serve them well.

Each grad had chosen a quote or saying to be read while being introduced. Some of them were: “High school is a lot like toilet paper. You only miss it when it’s gone.” “So much to do, so little people to do it for me.” “Don’t count the days – make the days count.” “Logic will take you from A to B, but imagination will take you everywhere.”

Scholarships and bursaries were awarded, as follows:

- Arrow Lakes Arts Council - Kateleya Hill, Kootenay Savings Credit Union - Anna Uttamathani; Royal Canadian Legion Branch 20 - Kateleya Hill, Connor McKee, Caitlin Marcolli, Ross Zelekzim, Ashlee Coates Hedderson; Legion Ladies Auxiliary – Ashlee Coates Hedderson; Royal Canadian Legion Branch 203 (Edgewood) - Bernie Rutski, Solve Jorgenson. Trustee Mission Statement Award - Jillian Koftinoff; Arrow Lakes Hospital Foundation Scholarship - Taylor Reitmeier; Nakusp & District Chamber of Commerce - Caitlin Marcolli; Hospital Employees Union Bursary - Kristin Likness; Hospital Auxiliary Bursary - Taylor Reitmeier; Selkirk College Board of Governors Secondary Graduate Awards - Kaitlin Hobson, Caitlin Marcolli, Jillian Koftinoff, Janell Currie; Real Estate Foundation of BC Entrance Award - Ross Zelekzim; Joe Lee Bursary

Graduate Robin Sones receives a $500 Arrow Lakes Teachers’ Association scholarship from ALTA President Pat Dion.
Nakusp Secondary School Graduation

Valedictorian Address

by Sam Switzer and Lorraine McCready

In the words of Benjamin Disraeli, “Be amusing; never tell unkind stories; above all, never tell long ones.” We decided that these were good words to live by, so this speech will be quick, I promise.

First of all, let me say what an honour it has been to be chosen by our classmates to be valedictorians – I know it’s because we are the smartest and the best dressed out of you all. I know as valedictorians we are supposed to say something about the future, so let me start with…

Doom… having to do your own laundry, cook your own meals… these are the things we all fear happening someday but never really think about until that day arrives – graduation day. We are all moving out of NSS to continue on with bigger and better things and while we are out in the world, we will be stuck doing everything for ourselves.

But, besides these slight discomforts we are all, hopefully, moving onto a brighter future. This is all due to our amazing teachers and parents who have always supported us and taught us everything that is necessary to survive out in the big world away from Nakusp Secondary. We would really like to thank everyone who helped us get to where we are today. All of the teachers from elementary school who taught us how to read and write, to our high school teachers who have been attempting to prepare us for this day over the last few years. You have all greatly impacted our lives and have given us the skills we need to succeed in life. Although I think that the most beneficial part of our schooling was going on those awesome camping trips with Mr. Johnson. Man those were fun.

All the parents have also helped us immensely. I’m sure you had fun watching us stuff our faces with delicious food. Our main food supply was gone. We recovered and found different things to do over lunch time other than stuffing our faces with delicious pizza. There have been so many great times, and we’re sure that you all have some memorable ones yourselves.

Coming from a small town, knowing all your schoolmates’ names has made this high school experience that much more special. I have individually seen everyone’s talents and attributes. We have amazing musicians, outstanding athletes, junior Einsteins and some who are passionate about everything they do. There is no doubt that every one of you is destined for great things – this goes without saying. Great things don’t come with a size, as long as you’re doing what’s important to you, and following your own dreams – that’s something to be proud of.

The future, a time period commonly understood to contain all events that have yet to occur. It is the opposite of the past, and is the time after the present. So go with a smile on your face, and don’t tell yourself short, you have earned all the world has to offer.

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Before we end our speech, we would like to thank you with the three sentences not taught in school that will get you through life. Number one, “Cover for me.” Number two, “Oh, good idea, boss.” Number three, “It was like that when I got here.” (Homer Simpson).

I’d like to thank you all for sharing in this incredible milestone, this 13-year-long accomplishment. More than you know, you have all been an important part of this journey. We hope we have amused you, our stories were kind and it wasn’t “that” long of a speech.

Enjoy the rest of your afternoon, peace out.
RCMP bust drug house in Nakusp

submitted

A police investigation spanning several months came to an end on June 3 when members of the Nakusp and New Denver RCMP detachments executed a search warrant on a suspected drug house on the 300 block of 6th Ave NW in Nakusp. A 33-year-old male resident was arrested along with five others who were visiting at the time.

During the search police found dried marijuana, growing marijuana plants, 46 pills believed to be ‘Ecstasy’ (MDMA), several grams of what is believed to be Ketamine, and possibly some psilocybin mushrooms. Lab tests will confirm what is believed to be Ketamine, MDMA or Ecstasy, a synthetic drug with both stimulant and hallucinogenic qualities, described by many as the ‘love drug’ because it creates a euphoric feeling. This drug is actually very dangerous and can produce the opposite effect in the long term. Studies have shown that MDMA permanently inhibits the user’s ability to produce serotonin, resulting in chronic depression and anxiety. It is most commonly ingested in pill form but can be snorted or injected. The pills that are sold on the street come in a variety of bright colours and with designs stamped into them. These designs vary widely but include brand marks, cartoon characters, happy faces, stars, etc. These designs are designed to make the drug appear fun and harmless. Ecstasy is particularly popular amongst youth and young adults.

Chemically-produced drugs such as Ecstasy and Ketamine have become more popular in this area in recent times. Police have received more and more information from the public about these drugs in our communities. Police are committed to using all available resources to arrest and charge those who deal and produce illegal drugs.

Anyone with information pertaining to the sale or production of illegal drugs is asked to contact local police or call CrimeStoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

Summer set to bring out the best in kids

submitted

Slocan Valley Recreation will offer a wide range of programs to make sure kids have a great time this summer. From art camp to campsites, it promises to be a time for kids to experience valley life at its finest.

The summer begins with a series of golf lessons at Valley View Golf Club with a pro from the Castlegar Golf Club. A CBT grant is helping to make these affordable.

Rhythmic Gymnastics returns to Winlaw with Gisele Choiunard instructing this artistic movement form.

Skatecamp at the skate park in Slocan returns the week of July 19. Josh Evin of Black Russian fame returns for another outrageous week, along with BC Action Adventure’s Shandy Campos. Road trips, barbecues, and some great prizes!

Another highlight will be swim lessons – a must for rural living with young ones – at the Village of Slocan beach. Lessons run for two weeks beginning in late July and feature a great local instructor. Everyone from tots to teens welcome.

For older kids and teens wanting a more intense outdoor experience, Leah Brown will host Valhalla Adventure week, based out of Slocan in early August. There will be a hiking day, mountain bike day, overnight canoe trip into the Vallhallas, and more. Every day really will be an adventure.

Art classes in July feature Tim Farrugia’s ‘Sticks & Stones’ in Crescent Valley, and Shauna Robertson’s Eco Art Days in the Vallican area. Nelson potter, Erin Prospero will host a special clay-making class for kids the week of July 19 at the Slocan Park Hall.

And in case we forget, the annual Poker Flout is happening on Sunday August 8 and kids and adults are invited to experience the mighty Slocan River in all its glory.

Space is limited in most classes, so if you’re interested in coming along, contact the Rec Office at 250-226-0008 or email slocanvalleyrec@rdck.bc.ca.

Skatecamp last summer was a great success, attended by these 18 kids. Slocan Valley Rec offers another skatecamp this summer, and much more.

New Denver junior golfer going to BC Summer Games

by Leah Main

Fourteen-year-old Brett Mengler, who has played golf since age 6, has qualified to play at the BC Summer Games in Langley next month.

Brett, who learned to play on New Denver’s Slocan Lake Golf Course, entered several tournaments this year through the West Kootenay Junior Golf program, including Castlegar, Fruitvale (where he placed second), Balfour (third), and Granite Point (third) and the Creston qualifying tournament (open to players 16 and under who have not played in the summer games before), where he placed well enough to win a spot on the eight-member West Kootenay junior golf team. He will be competing in a field of 64 entrants from all over the province in the 12-16 age group at the BC Games.

Brett is excited to have played so well this year and made the team. He said, “I love golf,” and stated that he hopes to win a scholarship and study
VISITOR INFORMATION

GOLF COURSES

Slocan Lake Golf Course
New Denver
Phone: (250) 358-2408

9-HOLE GOLF COURSE • OPEN 7 AM TO 7 PM
GREEN FEES: Adults $21.00/18 holes; $13.00/9 holes; Day Pass: $47.25; Weekly Rate: $204.75
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Power Carts: $22.40/9 holes; $33.40/18 holes. All prices include tax
FIFTH HOLE RESTAURANT: Tues., Wed, and Fri. - Sun., 10:00 am - 8:00 pm
Closed Mondays and Thursdays. Restaurant - (250) 268-2183
2013 TOURNAMENTS:
• May 21: May Day - Everyone welcome
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Nakusp Golf Club
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GREEN FEES: Adults $23.00/9 holes; $34.20/18 holes, Senior rates: 60% off
Juniors: 15-18: $17.50 and 6-11: $12.50/9 holes; 10 game punch card available
General Manager: Jeff Homer
PRACTICE CAGES: Clubs, pull carts, ball carts.
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Valley View Golf Course
Phone/Fax: (250) 226-7241

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EARLY SEASON HOURS: 9AM-6PM
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On the lake in New Denver, 44 sites, 8 with electricity and water hook-up, sand-dump, showers & toilets, boat launch, firewood, pets must be leashed.

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Kaslo council, June 8: Saturday Market report presented

by Jan McMurray

• David Stewart spoke about the Saturday Market on behalf of the North Kootenay Lake Arts & Heritage Council (NKLHC), which produced a report about the recent market survey. “We were surprised about the dissent and the survey, but it proved to be useful, so thank you,” he said to council. Critics from the survey included issues around parking and dogs. Stewart said market vendors would be asked to park somewhere other than Front Street. He also asked the Village to provide a “Dogs on leash only” sign; this request was approved.

Stewart reported that NKLHC is working with the Chamber to address concerns of downtown retailers, and is encouraging market vendors to wear ‘vendor’ tags so they are visible when shopping in town.

Councillor Leatherwood said that all the work NKLHC did to analyze the survey “really showed business owners that you are willing to work with them. Letting them have their say was important to them.”

Stewart said the Spirit Square Committee was hoping to have a plan for Front Street Park in the fall. Mayor Lay informed Stewart that the park policy was under review, and Stewart asked to be involved in the review.

• A letter from the North Kootenay Lake Arts & Heritage Council requesting first right of refusal on use of Front Street Park for the Saturday Market until 2015 was referred to the recommended Services Committee for recommendation to council.

• A copy of a document titled “Bassfest 2010 Report and Recommendations,” addressed to the organizer of the rave, Darby Peterson, was received from Renee Ansel, Environmental Health Officer. Mayor Lay said he was not opposed to the event, but wanted it regulated. He said there were three ambulance calls to the site, heavy drugs, and a lot of garbage left there. He feels organizers should have to obtain a Licence of Occupation if they want to hold the event on Crown land.

• The construction of a new RCMP detachment in Kaslo has been approved, with construction expected to begin no later than August. Arrangements are underway for the RCMP’s occupy rooms 101, 102, 105 and 105A in the Kemball Memorial Centre, thereby displacing the Kaslo Community Health Care Services, which will be advised that the Village wishes to co-locate with the Kaslo Government Agent for 30% of the total area for $840 per month.

• Diana Brooks of the RuralBC Secretariat sent council draft work plans for campground expansion and upgrades, tourism signage, and development of airport lands. These three projects were identified as priorities at a recent meeting with Brooks.

• School District #8 will apply for a Community Connections grant to create a place play space/playground for preschoolers at JV Humphries School. The Village will provide a letter of support.

• A report on the history of the Water Street project was received from Goldener Associates. Councillor Flary said the report “seriously limits” the number of buildings that will be against structures with foundations (observation platforms were in the original plan), against paving at this time, and discourages the use of the slope for the trail. He asked that the Water Street committee, which has been disbanded, be allowed to meet to discuss the report. Council Hewat pointed out that the work of that committee had been moved to Development Services. Council agreed to refer the Goldener report to Flary’s verbal report to the Public Works foreman and to the Development Services Committee.

• The application for UBCM funding for the wildlife/urban interface project prescription work was reviewed, as UBCM was not prepared to approve the budget of $1,035.08 per hectare. John Addison of Progressive Forest Management writes to UBCM that “through significant in-kind donation of hours already contributed, we have pared down our costs/hectare to $627.70 per hectare.”

• In response to the Village’s letter of concern about the risk of flooding posed by log jams in Kaslo River, Dwain Boyer, Ministry of Environment, toured the area on May 5. He says there does not seem to be reason for “an elevated concern” this year, and mentioned the “Ad hoc Transportation has 2,000-3,000 cubic metres of rock riprap stockpiled for emergencies.”

• A letter with several requests from Health Team. In April 2009 she travelled to Africa as part of the One Person Project and has held fundraising events to assist with the purchase of equipment for the hospital in Kahama, Tanzania since her return.

In May 2008, Ross was nominated by her peers and received the BC Ministry of Health Outstanding Service to Nursing in BC Award. She has two grown children and in her spare time, she enjoys walking, scrapbooking, reading and travel. “Elizabeth Ross’s dedication to the well-being of her community and to the people of Tanzania embodies the heart of this national honour,” said Larry Hogue, CHA BBox chair. “CHA is proud to recognize Elizabeth Ross for their outstanding contributions to the health of Canadians.” Since 1949, the Canadian Healthcare Association has recognized excellence in health leadership through its Award for Distinguished Service. Elizabeth Ross of Kaslo is the 2010 recipient. The Katimavik crew participated in exercise for the benefit of the community’s graduate students on June 11. “Statistics from the Mothers Against Drunk Driving website are frightening,” said Kaslo Fire Chief Larry Badry. “There are 3.7 to 4.4 impaired crash fatalities per day in Canada.”

In the staged scenario, a drunk driver of a sedan hit an SUV, rolling it over. The SUV suffered a traumatic head injury. The drunk driver was unjured, but had two passengers. The passenger in the front seat was ejected through the windshield and died on impact; the passenger in the rear compartment suffered head and leg trauma. Emergency crews practiced auto extrication on the Kaslo RCMP, ambulance, road rescue, fire department, and first responders did their annual training exercise for the benefit of the community’s graduate students on June 11.

Mock drunk driving accident staged for Kaslo grads three patients.

A bus load of 25 students from the grad class watched the emergency response play out, with Monica Davie from the ambulance service providing a commentary, explaining what was being done, the reasons why, and the pitfalls of driving under the influence. The hostages participated in the exercise as actors and helpers – many thanks to Jessie, Nicole, Cynthia, James, Luc, Stephanie, Janelle, Blake, and Sarah. Thanks also to Dan Miles and the staff at JV Humphries School for their support. A special thanks to Gail Badry for providing the ‘moulage’ (make-up for the incident scenes), Brian Surnia, Bryan MacMillan and Orion Cooper for vehicle set up, and the Yellowhead Road and Bridge staff for their facility and equipment.

The Valley Voice June 16, 2010

Kaslo nurse wins national award

Elizabeth Ross grew up in Ottawa and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Toronto in 1971. After working in Ontario for several years, she moved to Winnipeg on June 6.

The Valley Voice

Elizabeth Ross is the recipient of the 2010 Marion Stephenson Award for Distinguished Service to Community Care. This was announced at the annual general meeting of the Canadian Healthcare Association (CHA) in Winnipeg on June 6.

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• In response to the Village’s letter of concern about the risk of flooding posed by log jams in Kaslo River, Dwain Boyer, Ministry of Environment, toured the area on May 5. He says there does not seem to be reason for “an elevated concern” this year, and mentioned the “Ad hoc Transportation has 2,000-3,000 cubic metres of rock riprap stockpiled for emergencies.”

• A letter with several requests from Health Team. In April 2009 she travelled to Africa as part of the One Person Project and has held fundraising events to assist with the purchase of equipment for the hospital in Kahama, Tanzania since her return.

In May 2008, Ross was nominated by her peers and received the BC Ministry of Health Outstanding Service to Nursing in BC Award. She has two grown children and in her spare time, she enjoys walking, scrapbooking, reading and travel. “Elizabeth Ross’s dedication to the well-being of her community and to the people of Tanzania embodies the heart of this national honour,” said Larry Hogue, CHA BBox chair. “CHA is proud to recognize Elizabeth Ross for their outstanding contributions to the health of Canadians.” Since 1949, the Canadian Healthcare Association has recognized excellence in health leadership through its Award for Distinguished Service. Elizabeth Ross of Kaslo is the 2010 recipient. The Katimavik crew participated in exercise for the benefit of the community’s graduate students on June 11. “Statistics from the Mothers Against Drunk Driving website are frightening,” said Kaslo Fire Chief Larry Badry. “There are 3.7 to 4.4 impaired crash fatalities per day in Canada.”

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Kaslo nurse wins national award

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explained that a police investigation is evidence led, and asked community members to keep their tips before phoning them in. Tips should be based on evidence, not speculation. “Don’t let your emotions get involved when you see someone who may be the one to cause the fire,” he said. Backus expressed full support for the community economic development project slated for the property, he said. “If you give up on this project, let the terrorists win.” Backus said he was willing to look at ways to bring security to the project and community, such as a Citizens on Patrol program. Backus also braced the community for the possibility of an unsolved crime. “The burden of proof is on the police before the judge will convict someone of arson,” he said. “I will do as much as I can to find the suspect and bring that person before the court, but I might not. This may have an ending where an arrest is made and it is brought to trial, but it may not have that ending immediately and it may never have that ending.” Len Trenholm and other directors of the Lakehead and Beyond Society brought the community up to date on the project. They have put an offer on a purchase price (based on commercial lines) to the fire department for an environmental assessment. The society has applied for a provincial grant to cover the cost of the assessment, and should know at the end of June whether or not they will get the funding. If they do, and if the assessment results in a clean bill of health for the property, the society would like to proceed with the purchase. The purchase price is based on two possibilities: to divest the purchase price before the deal is finalized because of “possible legal ramifications with the owner.” However, he said they were looking to raise approximately $50,000 in order to complete the purchase. The first phase of the project, including the property purchase and clean-up, plus setting up the greenhouses, is estimated to cost $250,000.

Firewood Cutting
Only “Dead or Down” trees can be taken for firewood. “Down” is fairly obvious, but try to tell if a standing tree is “Dead” is not so simple. For example, in the late autumn, once a Larch tree has lost its needles, it can appear very dead. If you don’t have the expertise to be sure about whether a tree is dead, then you should play it safe and stick to “Down” trees.

There is an ongoing problem of people cutting down trees that are obviously alive, and cutting them up for firewood. This is theft from the community, and should be treated as such. If you see anyone engaging in this activity (green needles is often the tip-off), please get a licence number and report it to the RCMP or to the KDCFS.

A permit will be required for firewood cutting. Because we have an area-based Community Forest tenure, we may not be able to set up a system of firewood permitting that will result in our paying stumpage (royalties) to the government on firewood taken. We’re still talking to the Ministry of Forests about this, trying to come up with a permitting system that is simple to administer. As soon as we have a system in place, we will place ads in local papers.

On a related note: some people are dumping garden waste (pruned branches, etc.) on landing sites along logging roads. This day material is a fire-hazard. The KDCFS will have to spend community money to clean up such sites. Such material should be taken to the Kaslo Transfer Station (dump) where they take garden waste at the reduced rate of $5 per pick-up load.

AGM
The 2010 AGM was held on May 12th. About 50 members of the KDCFS and beyond were present at the AGM on May 12th. The draft strategy is posted on the KDCFS web-site. There will be a meeting held to review and hopefully endorse, the final strategy document at 7:00 pm on July 7th at the Kaslo Seniors’ Hall.

From here, a five-year management plan will be made, and the community strategy into account. We hope to be able to arrange for further work to be done, using this strategy to draw up useful maps and timelines to guide us into the future.
Kaslo Bay Estate developer addresses concerns at Council Meeting
by Jan McMurray
At the June 10 meeting of the Development Services Committee of Kaslo council, Kaslo Bay Estates developer Bernie Penner addressed concerns that have been raised by council members regarding his housing development.

Councillor Cornie asked Penner about the large slash piles on the property. Penner said the excavation activity in that area had occurred by two sets of previous owners on the property. He said he planned to run a retaining wall along that area to key in the toe of the slope, and to re-vegetate. He added that the Ministry of Transportation has no issues with that slope.

Penner also explained that his buildings will be anchored into big concrete pier foundations, which will be set down into the hill side. As well, rainwater will be collected off the roofs, driveways, etc. to minimize the amount of water running down the slopes.

Penner also mentioned that the adjacent Village-owned property is very steep. He said the reason he approached council is due to his desire that land was needed because he couldn’t be in control of what happens there – he does not want to see digging at the base of the slope.

Councillor Cornie asked about the people who wrote to council about cracks in their house that have appeared since construction work began on Penner’s development. Penner said he had not yet responded to their letter, but that he would be very happy to inspect their basement if they allow him to. “I am prepared to deal with it,” he said. He said he would also like to test the vibrations created by his machinery and monitor them to see how far they travel. Penner also said it was unfortunate that this was being brought forward a year after the fact, and asked people to please contact him right away if they have any issues.

Councillor Cornie asked him about the motion passed by council on April 13 to require Penner to submit a geotechnical report on the stability of the property, prior to the proposed development, prior to any more approvals for further development on the site. Penner said that the three or four very detailed geotechnical and environmental reports that he has no concerns. He said there will be a geotechnical assessment required by the building inspector when they begin working along the crest. “I am prepared to spend more money on geotechnical reports when I get there,” he said.

Penner explained that he shut the project down two years ago because he has spent nine months dealing with legal issues around Rainbow Drive, which he needs to be a secondary access to his development. He has worked closely with CAC Rae Sawyer, Public Works Foreman Glen Walker and the neighbours, “but there are some issues around the fact that the road does not have legal right-of-way as a public road.” It sounds like Penner’s work on a resolution for the Rainbow Drive issue is paying off. “As a result of being cooperative with the lawyers, the Village, the mortgage holder, and the Marine Ridge association, there will be an agreement coming that I will be very happy to sign,” he said. “Once that happens, I will resume the job.” He said he wants to complete the first building, put the roof on the second building, and then move forward with an “assembly line type production.”

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Penner also said that the Village zoning bylaw would allow him to build 200 units on the property, but he plans to build 67. He said the property goes right to the edge of Kaslo Bay Park, but he has no time made the decision to build there, even though it is a prime building site.

Penner encouraged people with concerns to contact him at 250-354-0531 or bernie@kaslobayestates.ca.

Kaslo Hotel hosts launch of regional tourism marketing organization
by Jan McMurray
The official Kaslo launch of the Nelson, Kaslo & Nakusp Destination Marketing Organization (DMO) took place June 8 at the Kaslo Hotel. The DMO will focus on promoting tourism in Nelson, Nakusp and the surrounding Areas D, E and F.

There were welcoming addresses by Debra Hamilton, president of the Kaslo Chamber, Mayor Ley and Director Shadrack, followed by a talk about the organization by the manager, Graham Edwards of Nelson.

Edwards said it all started in 2006 with a study of the opportunities for tourism development in the area. The key recommendation of the study was the creation of a regional DMO.

“The Village of Kaslo, City of Nelson, and Areas D, E and F agreed that the creation of the DMO was a great idea because visitors tend to travel throughout the area,” he said. With seed funding and support from the local and regional governments, the organization was able to get off the ground.

Their first task was to set up sustainable funding for the organization. At least 51% of the accommodators with four rooms or more had to agree to collect the 2% Additional Hotel Room Tax (AHRT), which is how DMOs are funded.

“Too much of a bad decision for the accommodations is – there is better development,” he said Edwards. In the end, 60% of the accommodations supported the tax, which has been collected since March 1. The Management was higher than expected, at more than $13,000. Edwards said they had estimated their annual funding to be $190,000.

The board of directors has 12 members, including Debra Hamilton, Norm Mackie, owner of Ainworth Hot Springs Resort, and Mary Laird, owner of Toad Rock Campground. The DMO office is based in the Nelson Chamber of Commerce building, and Edwards is the only paid employee. He said the funding would go towards marketing, not administration.

Membership is open to any organization that benefits directly or indirectly from tourism, and comes with certain marketing opportunities. “We’re only as good as our membership,” he said, stressing the importance of everyone’s participation. “We’re not trying to make money on membership fees – it’s much more important that we have your participation.”

The goals of the DMO are: to create a general awareness and desire to travel to Nelson-Kootenay Lake area as a year-round destination; to develop sustainable tourism in the area; to establish and build on branding; and to further economic growth in the region.

The first project the DMO is working on is a website (www.nelsonkootenay.com), expected to take to five to six months to complete. It will focus on the shoulder seasons and winter tourism, and will feature arts, culture and heritage tourism and the area’s festivals.

When asked about marketing opportunities open to members, Edwards gave an example of a cooperative advertising deal that is in the works, but not yet finalized. The DMO is considering purchasing two pages in an Alberta motorcycle organization’s directory. The first page would have photos and a write-up about the Kootenay Lake area, and the second page would be filled with ads from DMO members. He said members wishing to participate should contact him at 250-265-3681, or email CMC, to reserve space.

Also announced at the launch was a printing deal that is in the works, which the large group ad would be much more effective than an individual ad.

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Pursuant to Section 99 of the Community Charter, Council will consider the 2009 Annual Report at its Tuesday, June 22, 2010, Regular Meeting, at 7:00 p.m., in the Village of New Denver Council Chambers, 115 Stovel Street, New Denver, B.C. Council will accept submissions and respond to questions from the public at this time.

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IN CELEBRATION OF LEGION WEEK

June 20-26, there will be a BBQ on the Slocan Beach Gaetz on Sunday, June 20 beginning at 6:30 pm. You are invited to join us. Everyone Welcome.

Slocan Legion Hall. June 21 at 7 pm. Free.

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AUTHOR LUCIAN MANN will read at the Nakusp Public Library on Thursday, June 24 at 7 pm. Free.

END OF TEXAS HOLD’EM TOURNAMENT TELLS BE HELD on the Slocan Legion Hall 92 Harold St. Slocan on July 10 starting at 6:30 pm. Buy-ins by Advance tickets must be purchased at Mountain Valley Station in Slocan or phone 250-355-2675 to reserve. Tickets will not be available at the door.

8TH ANNUAL Castlegar & Area Gound Tour "PASSION FOR PLANTS" Sunday, June 27, 9:00 am – 4:30 pm. Castlegar Garden Club’s brochure/map available locally or from castlegargardenclub@shaw. ca. Admission free; donations appreciated. 250-365-5673.

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WOMEN’S MOONLodge - Medicine Wheel teachings and healing ceremony with Metis elder MaryRose Lessoway, Wednesday, June 30, Location is Silverton TBA. Register by June 25 with Carla: 250-356-7760.

MARKET FEST—Nelson’s popular downtown night market and festival. Fridays June 25, July 23, August 20, 6:00-10:00 pm. Bring your camera, drive your scooter or bicycle. This free community event community features 50 vendors, lots of food, two stages with live music, kids’ tent and an evening of fun. Nelson style. For more information, contact Rose at 250-825-4034.

CHRISTINA LAKE HOMECOMING - Community Hall, Saturday June 25. Welcome home! Meet old friends! See full schedule of events at www.christinalake.com. For more information, call 50 vendors, lots of food, two stages with live music, kids’ tent and an evening of fun. Nelson style. For more information, contact Rose at 250-825-4034.


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Happy retirement wishes were extended to Harriett von Kough and Valerie Fleiner-Wilk, two teachers who have served over 30 years at Luzen, at the school’s annual spring barbecue on June 8.
Harvest Share, formerly known as the Community Fruit Harvesting Project, is a local fruit tree picking initiative. After two successful seasons in the North Slocan, Harvest Share is expanding this year beyond the New Denver and Silverton area to include Nakusp. "Due to the overwhelming interest from local communities, we have partnered with Arrow and Slocan Lakes Community Services, and are pleased to partner with Harvest Share," said Alex Lillies, Harvest Share coordinator.

Alex Thorp has great snowboarding season submitted
Alex Thorp of Nakusp had a great snowboarding season. "I’ve been training in Whistler and Big White and submitted Alex Thorp has great snowboarding season." In addition to enjoying nutritious local food, we also want to support homeowners in managing their fruit trees, and help reduce the number of bears in our neighborhood trees," said Lillies.

Educational workshops are planned submitted
Educational workshops are planned for the upcoming season in both communities to teach people about fruit tree care, canning and drying. "To begin the season, join Harvest Share in New Denver on the evening of June 30 for a lesson on ‘Maximizing the Fruit on Your Trees.’ Participants will learn the method of thinning immature fruit, which allows the remaining fruit to develop to its maximum size, improves the color and flavor of the fruit, and reduces disease and alternate bearing."

Hidden Garden Gallery then and now submitted
Photographer Sarah Jeffreys will present an exhibit titled ‘Faces of Namibia’ at the Hidden Garden Gallery June 22-27. The portraiture show features members of three Namibian ethnic groups – the Himba, the Ovambo and the Ju’hoansi Bushmen – visited during a two-month sojourn to Southwestern Africa in 2009.

Sarah’s husband, Mark, a professor of anthropology, will present a brief talk at the opening reception on Friday, June 25 at 7:30. Paul Gibbons will entertain in the garden, and refreshments will be served. By donation.

Burgin Jacobs, Rosalie Bird and Morgan Bartali, founding members of HGG, reconvened to exhibit a wonderful selection of their works June 29-July 4, titled ‘From the Ground Up.’

Early Hidden Garden Gallery movers and shakers Morgan Bartali, Burgin Jacobs and Rosalie Bird welcome newcomer – photographer Sarah Jeffreys.

By donation.

To sign up for workshops, to register your fruit trees, or to become a volunteer picker, contact your local coordinator: New Denver/Silverton area, Bree Lillies 250-358-7225; Nakusp and Area, Anne Miskulin 250-265-3674 ext. 213.

Plants are in the works for an opening reception – watch for that information soon. Come on out and support these three local women who worked so hard to build our great little gallery.

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Harvest Share increases local sources of food by connecting people who have excess produce from their backyard fruit trees with those who have the time and energy to harvest it. To date, 4500 pounds of fruit has been harvested. “Fruit trees throughout our communities are a great resource. In addition to enjoying nutritious local food, we also want to support homeowners in managing their fruit trees, and help reduce the number of bears in our neighborhood trees,” said Lillies.

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Doug Pyper Photography offers Kaslo area weddings, portraits

by Art Joyce

Having your portrait taken doesn’t have to be like having a tooth pulled. In fact, with the right photographer, it can be a relaxing, memorable experience. That’s the message from Kaslo photographer Doug Pyper, who is offering the benefit of 25 years in the business for clients’ weddings and portraits.

Although an extremely versatile and accomplished photographer, Pyper’s abiding interest through the years has been photographing people, especially children.

“I’m inspired by their innocence, enthusiasm and openness,” he says. “Children have no pretensions, so it’s a simple matter to photograph them as they really are. They wear no masks.”

To connect with children and capture that magic, Pyper adds, a photographer must find and nurture those same qualities within himself or herself. “And doing so is always a joyful experience,” he adds.

To get an idea of just how magical Pyper’s work with children can be, check out his recent photographs of Ecuadorian children. Simply go to www.dougpyperphoto.com, click on ‘portfolio’ and then click ‘The Children of Ecuador’. This was part of a larger project he did while travelling in Ecuador for four months last winter, photographing people from the highlands to the jungle. The full portfolio can also be seen on the website.

As much as possible, Pyper tries to create this same childlike magic in all aspects of my photography, including full family portraits, weddings, and even commercial work to a degree.”

Pyper achieves this by working to create an immediate personal connection with his subjects. This requires a special skill for setting people at ease, since many are uncomfortable with having their picture taken. In his own words, “A photo shoot should be a sociable, fun, relaxing and rewarding experience for all. If so, it will always be evident in the natural looking images created, because it allows people to be themselves in what might otherwise be a somewhat nervous experience.”

Pyper has taught photography at the College of the Rockies and began his career at a small portrait studio in Kimberley, BC. Since then his work has expanded to include commercial and editorial photography, with features in magazines such as Route 3, Cottage Life, Ski Canada, Beaver and Kootenay Life.

His photographs have also accompanied news items in the Calgary Herald, Vancouver Sun and the Spokane Spokesman-Review. His commercial work has included corporate clients such as Prestige Inns and Fairmont Hot Springs. But his interest is primarily in what he calls “the human landscape.”

Pyper recently moved to Kaslo from Nelson and already he has created an inspiring set of images of local characters called The Faces of May Days, also posted on his website. He says he is open to “Kootenay-friendly prices.”

“I thought it was time to let everyone know what I’ve been doing for nearly 25 years and that I’m here locally for everyone.”

For more photo galleries and information go to www.dougpyperphoto.com.
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